

What is claimed is:

- 1) A vehicle accessory system for use with at least one plug-in accessory outlet comprising:
 - a) translucent housing means for housing a vehicle plug-in accessory for use with the at least one plug-in accessory outlet;
 - b) illumination means within said translucent housing means for indicating presence of power;
 - c) wherein said translucent housing means comprises light diffusion means for diffusing the light of said illumination means along substantially an entire length of said translucent housing means.
- 2) The vehicle accessory system according to Claim 1 wherein said system further comprises light-blocking means for locally blocking a substantial exit of the light from said translucent housing means.
- 3) The vehicle accessory system according to Claim 2 wherein said light-blocking means comprises at least one reflecting means for internally reflecting the light from said illumination means and said light diffusion means.

- 4) The vehicle accessory system according to Claim 1 wherein:
 - a) said light blocking means further comprises aperture means; and
 - b) said aperture means comprises indicia means illuminated by said illumination means and said light diffusion means.
- 5) The vehicle accessory system according to Claim 3 wherein said light-blocking means further comprises retaining means for retaining at least one accessory cord in at least one stowed position.
- 6) A vehicle accessory system for use with at least one plug-in accessory outlet comprising:
 - a) at least one translucent housing structured and arranged to house a vehicle plug-in accessory for use with the at least one plug-in accessory outlet;
 - b) at least one illuminator, within said at least one translucent housing, structured and arranged to indicate presence of power;
 - c) wherein said at least one translucent housing comprises at least one light diffuser for diffusing the light of said at least one illuminator along substantially an entire length of said at least one translucent housing.

- 7) The vehicle accessory system according to Claim 6 wherein said system further comprises at least one light blocker structured and arranged to locally block a substantial exit of the light from said at least one translucent housing.
- 8) The vehicle accessory system according to Claim 7 wherein said at least one illuminator comprises at least one light-emitting diode.
- 9) The vehicle accessory system according to Claim 8 wherein said at least one light blocker comprises aperture portions comprising indicia illuminated by said at least one illuminator and said at least one light diffuser.
- 10) The vehicle accessory system according to Claim 6 wherein the shape of said translucent housing means comprises at least one portion of an essentially circular annulus.
- 11) The vehicle accessory system according to Claim 7 wherein said at least one light blocker comprises:
 - a) at least one element attachable with said housing; and
 - b) at least one reflector structured and arranged to internally reflect the light from said at least one illuminator.
- 12) The vehicle accessory system according to Claim 11 wherein said at least one light blocker further comprises at least one retainer structured and arranged to retain at least one accessory cord in at least one stowed position.

- 13) The vehicle accessory system according to Claim 6 wherein said at least one translucent housing comprises at least one rigid moldable material.
- 14) The vehicle accessory system according to Claim 6 wherein said at least one light diffuser comprises at least one surface texture applied to said at least one translucent housing.
- 15) The vehicle accessory system according to Claim 6 wherein said at least one light diffuser comprises at least one light diffusing compound integrally formed within said at least one translucent housing.
- 16) The vehicle accessory system according to Claim 6 wherein said at least one light diffuser comprises at least one surface coating applied to said at least one translucent housing.
- 17) The vehicle accessory system according to Claim 7 wherein said at least one light blocker comprises an essentially opaque outer cover structured and arranged to be attachable with said at least one translucent housing.
- 18) The vehicle accessory system according to Claim 7 wherein said at least one light blocker comprises an essentially opaque coating applied to said at least one translucent housing.

- 19) The vehicle accessory system according to Claim 7 wherein said at least one translucent housing comprises at least one portion sufficiently transparent to provide an indication of an internal content of said at least one translucent housing from outside said at least one translucent housing.

- 20) A vehicle accessory system, for providing increased safety for a vehicle driver in low ambient-light conditions, comprising:
- b) at least one vehicle comprising at least one plug-in accessory outlet within view of the driver;
 - c) at least one translucent housing structured and arranged to house a vehicle plug-in accessory for use with said at least one plug-in accessory outlet; and
 - d) at least one illuminator, within said at least one translucent housing, structured and arranged to indicate presence of power;
 - e) wherein said at least one translucent housing comprises at least one light diffuser for diffusing the light of said at least one illuminator along substantially an entire length of said at least one translucent housing;
 - f) wherein said vehicle accessory system, when said at least one plug-in accessory outlet is powering said at least one illuminator, is structured and arranged to provide clear visual indication of the vehicle plug-in accessory's locational presence when in use in low ambient light conditions.